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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Introduction

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in reply to the final Office Action dated September 26, 2000. Payment for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith.

In the claims

Please cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

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10. A stepping machine, comprising:
a frame designed to rest upon a floor surface;
a left crank and a right crank, wherein each said crank is rotatably mounted on said frame; and
a left foot support and a right foot support, wherein each said foot support has a first portion linked to a respective crank and a second portion linked to said frame in such a manner

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